

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Mendocino National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Mendocino National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions please contact the Mendocino National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area, you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Mendocino National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Mendocino National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails, and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail, or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

Motor Vehicle Use Map Mendocino National Forest NORTH and NORTH CENTRAL MAPS

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INFORMATION SOURCES

Forest Supervisor's Office Mendocino National Forest 825 North Humboldt Avenue Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3316 TDD number: (530) 934-7724 http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino 24-Hour RECORDED INFORMATION (530) 934-2350 Grindstone Ranger District (co-located with Supervisor's Office) 825 North Humboldt Avenue Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-3316 TDD number: (530) 934-7724 Upper Lake Ranger District 10025 Elk Mountain Road Upper Lake, CA 95495 (707) 275-2361 TDD number: (707) 275-9524 Covelo Ranger District 78150 Covelo Road Covelo, CA 95428 (707) 983-6118 TDD number: (707) 983-6123 In Case of Emergency In case of medical or law enforcement emergencies, dial 911. Please be advised that many areas of the forest are not covered by regular cell phone service.

